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REJOICE WITH US

*We have water.
Artisan flows freely.
No more hauling
drinking water!*

*Thank you for your
support to make this
possible.*

*Beer Shalom
Well of Peace*

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CAN IT BE?

Carmen Martin, houseparent

**Do dreams come true? Are miracles for today?
Does God truly give us the desires of our hearts?
YES! YES! YES!**

After having them almost four years, we had to return two of our girls to their father October of '06. The reunification plan would take four months. Although our hearts were crushed, we knew the Lord would heal them in time. During this adjustment, we decided not to pursue another child. We wanted to make sure the dad would be awarded full custody. His day in court was scheduled for Feb 9th, 2007.

We waited in God's comfort. Day by day, night by night we felt stronger. The Lord was moving. As the Feb 9th court date approached, we waited and wondered. The day came – and the necessary documents to ensure the father's custody were not ready. Court determination was postponed until the following Monday.

On that Monday, we received a phone call. The dad had made a wrong choice over the weekend that resulted in his arrest with serious charges pending. The case manager asked us, sounded like music to our ears, "could we take the girls back?" Our girls came home Feb 12, 2007! Waiting on the Lord for His strength had given Him time to rearrange events on our behalf.

A year has gone by. And in Feb of 2008, Lyla and Alayana became our daughters by adoption. The court finalization was Feb 25, 2008. Our oldest adopted daughter, seven-year old Milluna, now officially has two sisters.

The three girls, Brad and I almost waltzed out of the courtroom. As Brad held the door for us girls, my eyes watered to hear Lyla say, "Thank you, Dad." She had only called him "Poppy" before that. It is a miracle to witness the instant and sudden change that court date and signed papers had on these little girls.

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Please join us in the glad refrain: YES! YES! YES.

ALONG THE WAY

Ana Lucore

"Sam" freely admits it makes him angry. This young teen and I strolled along a dirt path etched in the perimeter of the lower forty acres of The Ranch. Along the way ... Sam listened respectfully as his young heart absorbed the Truth of God's Word. What is the balance between honoring our parents and being angry with their wrong decisions? Could this be a lesson he could use for life? How do we continue in patience and love when in the midst of unfair circumstances? While the Lord matures us through what we suffer, how do we handle the anger?

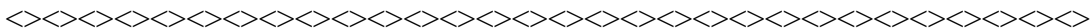


Sam agreed he could call a time-out. Just like sports' confrontations; be it basketball, boxing, baseball, when an unfair action is ruled, a time-out follows. During confrontations with his parents, Sam agreed to try for a time-out. He would lift up his hands to form a "T" and take a walk around the block. Along the way ... he could pray.

We took note of sports' rules. After a time-out, confrontation resumes. Sam said he would not run off for hours on end. He and his parents would predetermine a specific limit for the time-out. Sam thought even ten minutes would help him to simmer down.

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." (Proverbs 22:32)

Pray for Sam. Pray for teens. By God's grace, may they, may we, find Christ's slow-to-anger example in our lives. Like Sam, the whole process hinges on the confession, the admission, we do get angry. Let's walk with our Savior and be filled with His peace ... along the way.



BEFORE WE KNOW IT

Summer camp is July 28 – August 1. Detaching campers from technology is one of the major adjustments they experience. This is a good thing. After only a few hours the city life is behind them as they run to the next event.



And hopefully before week's end, they run into the arms of Jesus Himself. Camp costs \$130 a child. Sponsorships make camp possible for some of them. It'll be here before we know it.

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

The Children's Ranch needs a very special full-time missionary: A Construction Coordinator. He (or she) would be a lover of Christ, have a heart for missions, be a meticulous organizer, know how to follow-up on projects; be retired from a profession in the construction field and have an easy-going disposition. Are you out there? The Ranch has a home if you and your family would like to live on-site.

Exodus 36:2: "Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it..." Look at the meaning of these names:

Aholiab: a tent conspicuous from a distance;
Bezaleel: in the shadow and protection of God.

The Children's Ranch is a conspicuous ministry. It is a place residing under the shadow and protection of the Lord. It is a place ready to build the structures He has designed in the hearts of His servants. Now we need one whose heart is stirred to oversee the work.

Aholiab! Bezaleel?
Are you out there?



HAPPY Birthday!

A BIRTHDAY GIFT – A THANK YOU GIFT

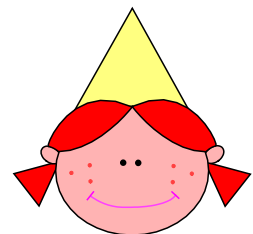
It was Alayana's fifth birthday. She loved the present from The Children's Ranch where she lives with her house parents, Brad & Carmen. With a skip and a jump, she landed in front of me with a very special smile and a very special cucumber "This is for you. It can be used any way you want!"

"I can use this anyway I want? Is that what you said?" I repeated as I handled a most unusual-shaped green vegetable.

"Yep."

"Keeping in mind I could use it any possible way. How should I use it?"

Thoughtfully Alayana came up with the perfect solution. "Like in a salad!"



But of course. Where are my brains at times like this?
Thank you, Alyana, for your thank you gift.
I shall use it wisely – like in a salad.

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